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Martinez, Cal. July 16, 1897.

My dear Mr Johnson.

I think you are right in cutting short the introductory part of Sticken. & I acknowledge your part interest in the pup, as I would never have written the story had you not urged me to do so.

I hope however that in striving for artistic effect you will not blur the story. The narrative should I think be kept whole. Anyhow be sure to leave the legs of the article long enough to distinctly reach the ground. This Sticken story easily told has cost me more time & work than anything else I ever wrote.

I'll watch your Forest Editorial for I know it will be good. I'm going to join Sargent at Banff on the Canadian Pacific Aug 5. Can't you come. We will make you wise in trees, & perhaps take you to Alaska. Ever Cordially Yours

Please return my M.S.

Mrs Muir says Tell Mr Johnson to tell something about himself.

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